



Recycling Committee March 2019 Minutes

Date: *March 21, 2019*

Time: *7:30PM*

Location: *Town Hall Annex*

Attendance:

Members: Larry Slotnick, Priya Sankalia, Jim Balin, Juli Brazile, Paul Goldberg, Ellen Callaway

Associates: Patty Palanza Paynter, Rich Piazza

Visitors: Francis, Cecile Miller

Minutes

1. *Feb minutes approved*
2. *Town By-Law - Larry provided update on the bylaw*
 - a. *Change name to Zero Waste Arlington*
 - b. *Change number to of committee members to 10*
 - c. *There was a discussion on the mission statement; members made some suggestions which Larry will incorporate. A suggestion was made for a smaller meeting for some brainstorming.*
3. *Polystyrene Ban - Juli updated committee on the polystyrene ban*
 - a. *Review of the script for volunteers*
 - b. *The committee discussed the Lexington's experience and how they had push back. We are starting with Phase 1. Preparing vendors for the likelihood of future bans.*
 - c. *A suggestion was made to add a sentence in the FAQ as to why the ban is needed.*
 - d. *Juli shared the FAQ and script with committee. There should not be too much push-back. There will likely be a price increase for alternate products.*
 - e. *There was a discussion about bringing your own food containers to restaurants. Board of health says it is violation of the food code for staff to use a home container, but it's ok for an individual to put their own food in their container. What this means is that we can do a campaign to suggest residents to bring their own but we can't ask restaurants to encourage it. It's ok for beverages but not food.*
 - f. *Sign up on the google sheet to volunteer for the outreach at restaurants and retail establishments. It is preferable to go between lunch and dinner.*

- g. Juli will prepare bullet point overview - Jim suggested talking points instead of repeating script*
- 4. Earth Week -*
 - a. Films on Thu and Fri. Charlotte is looking for help. Ellen and Priya to help*
 - b. Cecile - offered to put it on Arts Arlington website.*
 - c. Francis was at the meeting to get help for the Clothing Swap which will be on Sunday the 28th from 2:00 - 4:00 at the Senior Center.*
fmeale@yahoo.com - put in touch with Rachel; Francis wants to educate people about what happens to the textiles. The swap will open an hour before for Seniors to look through. A suggestion was to do outreach at Public Housing.
- 5. Town Meeting - check out the warrant*
- 6. Annual Report - we should submit a report for Town Meeting. We have 4 minutes. We could have a table at Town Meeting for polystyrene ban*
 - a. We can start with a list of activities which someone can work on embellishing. A lot of behind the scenes work is needed.*
- 7. EcoFest Review - good tabling event. A lot of questions about composting, curbside composting.*
- 8. Subcommittee tasks*
 - a. Budget update - discussion on budget - planned expenses. We can rollover some \$\$ if we have something planned - you can make a request. Especially since we have to wait for Town Meeting to vote on name - we need funds to get design.*
 - b. Voted on \$1500 for designer costs between this year and next years' budget.*
 - c. Poster contest - Jim suggestion.*
- 9. Arlington Public Art - Cecile talked about the projects. Wants to collaborate with Recycling Committee. The concept is to connect with local character and concerns - community building activity. Connecting the green spaces theme and so animal themes have come up. Feast of the East kicks off with event - parade - involving community.*
 - a. How can we get into the parade - we could make something at one of the workshops; an artist to work with just us; sculpture out of recyclables elements*
 - b. Several artists who could be able to connect.*
 - c. Chairful is the seed money for their projects - ARC could collaborate/co-present since it is about reduce/reuse. Same as PorchFest - June 8th*
 - d. Provide some information - maybe a url to put on bottles.*
 - e. The committee voted on collaborating with Arlington Arts*

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Next meeting is scheduled for .